

Hawaiian Gazette.

U. S. WEATHER BUREAU, December 10.—Last 24 Hours' Rainfall, .01.
Temperature, Max. 78; Min. 72. Weather, variable.

SUGAR.—96 Degree Test Centrifugals, 3.86c. Per Ton, \$77.50.
88 Analysis Beets, 10c. Per Ton, \$82.50.

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QUESTION OF JAPANESE WAGES

Merchants Will See if Laborers Pay Can Be Raised.

A meeting of Japanese merchants and others has been called for tonight for the purpose of considering plans for bringing about a general increase of pay for the Japanese laborers on the plantations. The meeting was arranged by Fred Makino, proprietor of the Makino drug store and a leader in many of the recent movements among the Japanese laborers, and G. Negoro, a Japanese agitator, at present employed as a clerk in the law office of A. L. C. Atkinson. A circular letter calling the meeting and stating the object was sent around among the Japanese yesterday.

The meeting will be held this evening at the Japanese night school on Kukui street and it is stated that a number of inflammatory speeches are to be made. Opinion among the Honolulu Japanese merchants and professional men is very much divided over the Japanese laborers' pay question, the majority of them being not in favor of precipitating any movement that might result in labor disturbances in Hawaii. These reason that the matter of pay is a matter that will be adjusted without industrial disturbances if proceeded in a quiet way, the question of the worth of labor being one of supply and demand. On the other hand there are some Japanese leaders who are in favor of demanding an immediate increase in the pay of the laborers, arguing that the demand now is greater than the supply but no corresponding increase in pay has followed. These leaders do not regard the suggestion that their actions may incite the laborers to strike as anything disturbing.

The influences of the conservatives are being used to make tonight's meeting of as little consequence as possible.

LETTER MAIL GOES TO COAST TODAY

Letter mail for the Coast will be forwarded tonight at 5 o'clock by the island steamer Claudine to Lahaina, Maui, and sent overland to Kaanapali to be placed aboard the A.-H. freighter Arizona, due at the latter port tonight at midnight from Hilo.

If Postmaster Pratt receives definite information from the local agent of the American-Hawaiian line this afternoon that the Arizona will not arrive at Kaanapali before or by midnight tonight, no package or newspaper mail will be sent by the Claudine, and will therefore have to await the steamship Nippon Maru on December 18.

Postmaster Pratt explains this matter as follows: The Claudine will pass Kaanapali near midnight tonight and if the Arizona is there the mail will be transferred direct from the Claudine to the freighter in a small boat. If the Arizona is not there the mail will be carried on to Lahaina and then sent overland to the vessel.

Package and paper mail is bulky and the mail contractor on Maui has insufficient means of transportation to carry much of a load overland. If the postoffice authorities have assurance that the Arizona would be at Kaanapali when the Claudine passes this heavier mail could also be transferred by boat.

At all events whatever letter mail is in the postoffice at 4 o'clock today for the mainland, will be forwarded on the Claudine.

MATSON S. S. HYADES STARTS FOR HONOLULU

The steam freighter Hyades, the most recent purchase of Captain Matson for the Matson Navigation company, left Seattle yesterday for Honolulu on her maiden trip between Puget Sound and the Islands. The vessel will be kept on this run in competition with the freighters of the American-Hawaiian line.

MAHUKA SITE AND A BUILDING SOON

Competition Secured for the Design of Federal Structure.

Acting Governor Mott-Smith received the following cable from Governor Frear early yesterday morning:

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Conference held today between Garfield, Winthrop and myself. Decided Mahuka site. Competitive plans. Cable addresses of Dickey, Traphagen, Dole and Newcomb. FREAR.

The men mentioned in the latter part of the message are all architects who have practised their profession here and are familiar with climate and conditions. They are C. H. Dickey, now of Oakland; O. G. Traphagen, now of San Francisco; E. A. P. Newcomb, of Seaside, Mass., and Herbert Dole of New York. The latter is a nephew of Judge Sanford B. Dole.

"I take this to mean," said Acting Governor Mott-Smith, "that Governor Frear has disregarded the statement so frequently made that the Treasury Department never puts up any public buildings except those designed by its own architects, and has gone to work to get and has succeeded in getting our building thrown open to competitive design, and is anxious to get architects who have lived here and know the conditions as well as those who now live here, to enter the competition, which will insure designs adapted to the climate and conditions."

"It means also, that we are to get our building very soon. The fact that the Governor wanted the addresses of these men cabled, would indicate that the competition for designs is to be thrown open at once."

"The site question is settled now apparently for good." The news that the Mahuka site had been fully determined on quickly spread throughout the community and was generally received with great satisfaction. It indicated that Governor Frear, as he found out what the sentiment of the community was, got in and did strong work for it. There has not yet been time for anything but the cable reports of the feeling here to have reached Washington. The data which has been compiled in regard both to the site and the history of its selection went forward by the Korea and has only today reached San Francisco.

Neither H. E. Cooper nor any other representative of the Irwin interests cared to express any opinions on the question of the site selection.

THE ITALIAN LABOR SUPPLY IS LARGE

In view of the fact that an attempt is to be made to send Italian laborers to Hawaii to help out the labor situation in the Islands, the following figures given out last month by the Italian Bureau of Emigration are of interest:

The total number of persons who emigrated from Italy during the first three-quarters of this year was 98,125, and 45,996 went to the United States. The total number of repatriations was 222,302, and 173,007 returned from America. During the corresponding period in 1907 the number of emigrants to America was 261,006 and of repatriations only 62,926.

Emigration is decreasing to Argentina and Brazil also, while repatriations from these countries are increasing. A great number of returned emigrants have enough money saved to keep them, but the majority are destitute.

THE NAVAL POSITION IN PACIFIC OCEAN

With regard to the suggestion, which is once more put forward, that the British admiralty should station permanently a large squadron in the North Pacific, it need hardly be said, remarks the Naval and Military Record, that at present there is no indication that the naval authorities intend in any way to depart from their present policy. There is no reason to think that a British fleet of armored ships is any more necessary now than in the immediate past. No other power has today, or intends to have in the near future, a large fleet permanently in the Pacific, except Japan.

By Christmas next there will not be a single battleship in the Pacific, apart from the vessels of our ally. The American ships by that time will be on their way home to the Atlantic, and the balance of naval power in the Pacific will then be the same as it was before the Atlantic fleet set out from San Francisco early in the present year. Germany will continue, according to present plans, to be represented in the Far East by a naval force considerably less than half as powerful as that under the British flag; the French squadron will still be of modest proportions, and the allied fleets of Great Britain and Japan will be supreme.—Victoria Colonist.

OFFERS GOOD CHANCE TO HAWAII

California Fruit Men Would Help Our Growers.

Through a suggestion made by Loyd Childs, the Hawaiian Seattle Fair commissioner, an offer has been made by the Southern Californian Fruit Grower's Exchange to admit the pineapple growers of Hawaii into membership with them and place their great marketing organization at the disposal of the island fruit growers. The matter has not been formally presented to the pineapple men here as yet, but will be presented at once for their consideration. If the proposal be taken up, as it very probably will be, it will place the Hawaiian growers in a position to have their products handled throughout the Union by the regular salesmen of the Californian exchange at bare cost and give them all the advantages to start with for the marketing of their pineapples that the Californian orange growers have been years in securing. The taking up of the proposal might also mean the establishing of the Honolulu-San Diego direct line of which so much has been said and dreamt on both sides of the Pacific.

Vice President Griffiths of the exchange was a through passenger on the Tenyo Maru on her last visit here, having been one of the American commercial commissioners who recently visited the Orient. While in Honolulu, Mr. Griffiths was asked by Mr. Childs why it was not feasible for the Fruit Growers' Exchange salesmen to handle the Hawaiian pineapple crop in their off season for oranges. This started Mr. Griffiths considering the matter, with the result that he brought the question to the notice of F. Q. Storey, the exchange president.

Mr. Storey consulted President Wiggins of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, who at once became an advocate of the plan and presented reasons why the union of fruit growers here with those of Southern California would be mutually advantageous.

Through the Hawaiian pine crop being handled by the exchange salesmen, the fruit, both fresh and canned, could be marketed more cheaply than the Hawaiian growers could market it with their own men, the California growers having already established their fruit depots in every city of consequence in the Union west of Chicago and having expert salesmen in charge. They have also railroad freight advantages that the Hawaiian growers could not get without great effort, and have regular purchasers on their lists.

The Southern Californian Fruit Growers' Exchange is one of the solid cooperative institutions of the United States, the organization that has made possible the great success of the California orange growing industry. It is a model organization that was frequently held up by Commissioner Newell for the Hawaiian growers to pattern from. It works for its members for cost, the selling charges being only sufficient to keep the affairs of the exchange running.

The interest taken by Mr. Wiggins in the suggested combination is because the headquarters of the Exchange are in Los Angeles and it is his idea that through the shipment of Hawaii's entire pine and banana crop to San Pedro for distribution the question of return freight charges for San Pedro-Honolulu steamers would be settled. So enthusiastic is Mr. Wiggins in the matter and so thoroughly has he convinced Mr. Storey of the possibilities in it, that Mr. Storey has written that if the Hawaiian pineapple men want to form a local exchange as a branch of the Southern Californian Exchange, he will come to Hawaii and assist them in organizing.

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MAHUKA DECISION WAS REACHED IN CONFERENCE

(Associated Press Cablegram.)

WASHINGTON, December 11.—The decision by the government to retain the Mahuka site in Honolulu and drop the question of an exchange was arrived at yesterday at a conference in which Governor Frear, Delegate Kalaniana'ole, the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of the Treasury were present.

FREAR A GUEST OF BRYCE

(Special Cablegram to Advertiser.)

WASHINGTON, December 10.—Governor Frear will lunch with Ambassador Bryce tomorrow.

MUCH PRAISED

Mainland Papers Describe It—Promotion Value Is Being Proved.

Through letters and newspaper clippings in the last mail attention is again forcibly drawn to the immense amount of promotion advertising Hawaii is receiving through the presentation before large mainland audiences of Bonine's volcano picture. All the leading papers of Chicago have had extended references to this remarkable picture, the only one ever taken of a volcano by the light of its own flowing lavas; Minneapolis journals have spread its fame through the northwest, and extended writeups of the film and the results obtained have been made in the leading moving picture trade journals of the Union. Farther East, among the scientists, W. A. Bryan has been exhibiting the picture with great success and by means of it has brought home to thousands of cultured persons the attraction Hawaii has for the tourist and scientific investigator.

In the Chicago Record-Herald of November 20, mention of the picture is made, as follows:

"Reference is made to the pictures of the 'Lake of Fire' in Kilauea's mammoth crater. The pictures were taken under great difficulty, the artist, Mr. Bonine, being clothed in asbestos, as was his camera. Despite this precaution, both the artist and the camera had a narrow escape from incineration. It was worth the effort, however, for upon the canvas for the first time is truthfully and startlingly portrayed a river of molten lava as it flows down the seamy sides of the crater, forming, as it cools, into fantastic shapes. The night picture is taken in the lava's own light, and it is like gazing into the seething maws of ten thousand blast furnaces, where the blazing metal is leaping, sputtering, boiling, crackling and roaring in an apparent riot of anger."

In the lava picture are seen the living seams which are opened in the mass and which criss-cross through it like threads of lightning in a black and stormy sky. It is easy to credit the lecturer's statement that the picture has a tremendous scientific value. It certainly has its psychological value, for it sends Mr. Holmes' audience away breathless with astonishment and interest and full of conversation regarding Kilauea's magic and awful crater."

Burton Holmes Pleased.

In a letter to Mr. Bonine, Burton Holmes says of the success his meeting with the Hawaiian pictures: "We put on a stray Hawaiian tonight and it was a big go, with musical accompaniments for the hula and lei pictures and with Aloha Oe and other good things for the intermissions. The boys made quite a hit. The lava film seems to impress as it should. I hear a lot of Ohs! and Ahs! for the Hawaiian homes, the Floral Parade scenes, the surfing and the volcano views. The audience certainly gets the idea that Hawaii is a pretty place. The poi picture amuses loudly and the school children tickle them too."

Bryan Lecturing in East.

W. A. Bryan, writing to Mr. Bonine from Boston, on November 19, says, in part:

"You will be glad to know that the moving picture film and the lantern slides arrived safely in New York late the evening of November 11th. As I wrote you I had accepted an invitation from Dr. Bumpus to lecture and show the pictures before the members and friends of the American Museum of Natural History in New York City on the evening of November 12th. As you can see it was a very close call, but fortunately they arrived in time for the lecture."

I am happy to say that the lecture went off very satisfactorily indeed. There were about a thousand invited members and guests in the audience, and they were all enthusiastic over this wonderful picture. I wish myself to congratulate you again on your phenomenal success in securing it. A very pretty compliment was paid by many who had visited the volcano, but many who had not.

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ROOSEVELT TALKS OF ACTIONS FOR CRIMINAL LIBEL

(Associated Press Cablegrams.)

WASHINGTON, December 11.—President Roosevelt, in conference yesterday with members of the Deep Waterways Committee, threatened to bring actions for criminal libel against some critics of the committee.

"Some Americans have been guilty of infamous falsehoods," he said, "in the statements they have made concerning the acquisition by the government of the construction property in the Panama canal zone."

COLOMBO, Ceylon, December 8.—The U. S. S. Pathfinder arrived here today in advance of Admiral Sperry's fleet.

WASHINGTON, December 8.—Frederick Hyde was today fined \$10,000 and was sentenced to two years' imprisonment in the penitentiary for land frauds.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 8.—Attorney Ach, Abe Ruef's counsel, in an eloquent speech today, denounced as purifiers former Supervisor Gallagher and Wilson, who have been witnesses for the graft prosecution.

TRINIDAD, Colorado, December 8.—Martinez, the man who murdered his sweetheart's family, was today surrounded by police officers. He killed the girl, whom he had abducted, and then committed suicide.

WASHINGTON, December 9.—General Barrios, Guatemalan Minister of Foreign Affairs, has been shot, probably mortally, by Senor Harrarte, Guatemalan Minister to Washington.

KANSAS CITY, December 9.—There was a battle in the heart of the city yesterday between religious fanatics and the police. One policeman was killed and four seriously wounded. One fanatic was wounded and a child killed.

WASHINGTON, December 9.—General Drummond, a Porto Rican coffee planter, was seriously hurt yesterday by the overturning of his automobile.

WAKEFIELD, Massachusetts, December 9.—Hiram Badger, an insane man, killed his two daughters yesterday and ran amuck, shooting at everybody he met in the streets and wounding one man.

PORT-AU-PRINCE, December 9.—General Simon has assumed the presidency of Hayti and appointed his cabinet.

WASHINGTON, December 9.—President-elect Taft has been reelected president of the Red Cross.

BERLIN, December 9.—The Turkish government is negotiating for \$2,000,000 worth of ammunition for infantry and artillery.

ST. LOUIS, December 9.—Francis Hirschberg, a prominent Catholic, was mysteriously shot yesterday at his home.

UNION CITY, Tenn., December 9.—Eight indictments for murder have been brought against the Reelfoot nightriders.

NEW YORK, December 9.—The Western Union's warehouse burned yesterday, causing a loss of \$150,000.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 9.—Francis J. Heney was in court today as a witness in the trial of Murphy, charged with bribing Ruef jurors. Heney appeared well and was cordially greeted.

WASHINGTON, December 9.—The Senate today confirmed the appointment of Luke E. Wright as Secretary of War and Newberry as Secretary of the Navy.

The following nominations were made by the President: Chief of the Bureau of Ordnance, Newton Mason; Vice Governor of the Philippines, W. C. Forbes; Commissioners, Newton Gilbert, Rafael Garcia, Gregoria Anireta. The latter is Minister of Finance and Justice.

WASHINGTON, December 9.—It is reported that the resignation of Judge Wilfey from his post at Shanghai was not altogether voluntary. It is stated that President Roosevelt was much displeased with Wilfey's methods, while accepting the result he sought as for the public good.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 9.—One death has resulted from ptomaine poisoning, resulting from impure food provided for the luncheon at the launching of the collier Prometheus at Mare Island. Many of the guests who attended the luncheon have been affected, and quite a number made seriously ill.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 10.—The Ruef case was given to the jury yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. At 9:30 the jury returned to court and asked that the testimony of Furey, Wilson and Gallagher be read to it. The jury also wanted an explanation by the court of what constitutes the offer of a bribe and the receipt of a bribe. The jury then retired again to deliberate and ballot. At 12:25 last night the jury was still out and the courtroom was packed. Police were there in force.

At one o'clock the jury was locked up for the night.

PEKING, December 10.—The personal effects of the late Emperor Kwang Hsu have been incinerated. The post mortem expenditures in connection with his lying in state and the transportation of his body to the western tombs amount to \$4,200,000.

WASHINGTON, December 10.—Senator Dooliver has introduced a bill designed to subject future issues of stocks and bonds by railroad, telegraph and express companies to the special scrutiny of the Federal government.

WASHINGTON, December 10.—Andrew Carnegie has been subpoenaed to testify before the Ways and Means Committee of the House on the subject of tariff revision.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 10.—Professor Rodgers, Assistant Superintendent of the Geodetic Survey, is dead. He was eighty years of age.

NEW YORK, December 10.—A score of people were injured by a bomb explosion in a tenement house yesterday.

COLOMBO, December 10.—The American auxiliary Culgoa has arrived here in advance of Admiral Sperry's fleet.

WASHINGTON, December 10.—There was an important conference yesterday between President-elect Taft and Speaker Cannon.

FLAGSTAFF, Arizona Territory, December 10.—Professor Lowell of the observatory here announces the discovery of water vapor on the planet Mars.

WASHINGTON, December 11.—The House and Senate have expressed resentment against that portion of the President's Message relating to the Secret Service Bill as amended last session by Congress.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 11.—Abe Ruef, who was declared guilty of giving a bribe, by the jury verdict returned yesterday, will be sentenced on Saturday. The jury was out from 3:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon until 4:10 yesterday afternoon, and five ballots were taken before an agreement of guilty was reached.

BOUDEAUX, France, December 11.—President Castro, of Venezuela, whose journey to France for medical treatment was the cause of a discussion as to whether he should be allowed to land without apologizing first for the expulsion from Venezuela of the French Charge d'Affaires, arrived here yesterday and was allowed to come ashore.

MESSINA, Sicily, December 11.—An earthquake which occurred here yesterday damaged a number of buildings and there was a panic in a church in which services were being held.

VIENNA, Austria, December 11.—The budget was introduced into the Austrian Assembly yesterday. It calls for the appropriation of sixty million dollars for military purposes.

OMAHA, Nebraska, December 11.—Charles Davis, who has been on trial here for the alleged murder of Rustin, has been found not guilty. The jury was out thirteen hours.